



## Suggested newsletter text – Trees, fungi

'Picture a group of 'climate change warriors', massing together in a battle to save the planet. Did you imagine a line of mushrooms? Well, maybe you should have?'

World Economic Forum article. 4 July 2022.

14yr old Zara Hussan has won the Young Science Writer of the Year 2022 award with her essay entitled 'Earth's fungal 'life support system' – hidden, underground networks of fungi that are silently helping plants and trees to lock away carbon and combat climate change. Maybe, as the WEF article suggests, fungi are the most underused resource in the fight against climate change?

Young Climate Warriors are encouraged this week to have fun exploring in the woods – and challenged to identify trees, and give some a hug; to check out fascinating fungi (without touching them!); to find the biggest, brightest orange leaf ... and to collect leaves and seeds to create 'leaf fireworks', or 'woodland emojis'

Autumn is here.  
Time to go exploring!

Enter another world ... wondrous woods ... fascinating fungi ... cobwebs beaded with dew.

Go exploring ... revel in the fascinating fungi ... check out different seeds ... find the brightest orange leaf ... give a tree a hug - can you reach? Make some 'leaf fireworks' or 'woodland emojis'?

Fungi are crucial to the health of woodlands, and also play a really important role in helping our soils store carbon.

21st October challenge!

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!